

Sustainable Solid Waste Management Future Roadmap Implementation Working Group: County Operations Subcommittee

Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
900 S. Fremont Ave, Alhambra CA 91803
The Alhambra Room

Monday, January 12, 2015
11:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

Meeting Summary

1. Introductions

- a. Subcommittee Purpose
 - Recap of Roadmap and three focus areas. Goals for the subcommittee include identifying roles and responsibilities, promoting consistent messaging, coordinating across departments.
- b. Roles and Subcommittee Interest

2. Top Priorities for the Next 6-9 Months

- a. Evaluate and Measure the Success of Existing Departmental Recycling Program
 - State Laws (AB 341 and AB 1826) – Require large gov't agencies & businesses to recycle.
 - Santa Monica College and other local colleges – offer Recycling Resource Management Programs.
 - **Question: What are current Board directives for County departments related to Recycling?**
 - Develop multiple pilot programs for various size operations/facilities
 - Will have to take into consideration LA County's size, diversity, and geography when developing benchmarks.
- b. Waste Sector Assessments at County Facilities
 - Public Works is working on a contract for large venues (Smart Business Program) & County ops.
 - Consider developing a master agreement so vendors who can provide waste assessments will be available to all departments.

- c. Evaluate County Purchasing Practices
 - Source reduction & large procurement (hauling contracts)
 - When considering new program options vehicle miles travelled (VMT) should be considered.
 - Contracts should consider new state laws and incorporate reporting requirements and other provisions that facilitate compliance with the law.
 - Diversity of vendors is a challenge, several waste haulers have defaulted recently.
- d. Organic/Conversion Technology Pilot Project(s) at a County facility
 - SB 1826 (organics recycling) and AB 341, 75% recycling goal impact County Facilities.
 - Question: How does the City of LA Franchise impact County facilities located in the City?
 - Answer: County facilities in the city are exempt and can utilize their own hauler through existing County contracts.
 - Waste industry is consolidating and large haulers are taking over small ops. Haulers are developing commercial scale organics facilities.
 - Question: Do existing County contracts require haulers to take material to a Material Recovery Facility (MRF)?
 - Answer: County franchises do not specify where a hauler has to take the material that they collect.
 - Potential project with Sheriff at Pitchess Detention Center. Use anaerobic digestion to process organic waste to generate compost for farming and renewable gas for energy generation.
 - Elimination of \$2 million dollar Cap and Trade fees for Co-gen plant

3. Discuss Follow Up Meetings and Schedule

- a. Expectations
- b. Frequency and Format
 - In person meetings are preferred. Change day of the week to accommodate 9/80 schedule, Wednesday/Thursday.
 - Create smaller subgroups for key priorities to meet in between monthly meetings.
- c. **Next meeting tentatively scheduled for Thursday, February 26, 2015.**

4. Next Steps

- DPW to prepare a webinar on the existing Departmental Recycling Program presentation to be held before the next monthly meeting, Date TBD.
- DPW to prepare and distribute fact sheet on Departmental Recycling Program and Legislation.
- Review the current list of Departmental Recycling Coordinators. Consider changes to the responsibilities and position.
- Send pictures of recycling bins/signage at various departments.

Meeting Participants

Name	Department
Burt Kumagawa	CEO
John Adkins	Fire Department
Dennis Morelos	Internal Services
Rick Teebay	Internal Services
Peter Kim	Internal Services
Jim Allen	Internal Services
Aaron Klem	Internal Services
Bertha Ruiz-Hofmann	Parks & Recreation
Carmen Izaguirre-Gomez	Regional Planning
Nick Morell	Sanitation Districts
La Salle Duong	Public Works
Stacy Harvey	Public Works
Sevak Khatchadorian	Public Works
David Coscia	Public Works
Coby Skye	Public Works

Name	Department
Gregory Nelson	Sheriff
Carlos Zimmerman	Beaches & Harbors
Richard Sigur	Sheriff
Kathy Salama	Public Works
Raul Flores	Parks & Recreation
Marta Garcia Sheffield	Health Services
Tranette Sanders	Public Works
Vanessa A. Olivas	Public Works
Armando C Aguilar	Public Works
Pat Proano	Public Works
Bahman Hajialiakbar	Public Works
Carlos Ruiz	Public Works
Patrick Holland	Public Works
Gabriel Arenas	Public Works
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